

June Newsletter

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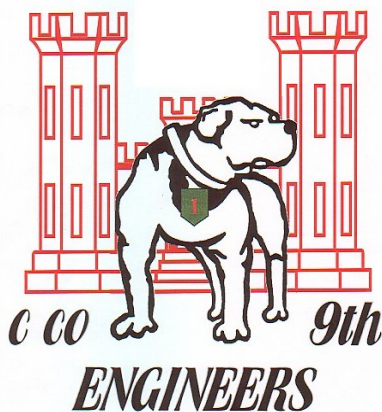
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HARD TRAINING, EASY WAR!!



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RODEO! June 19th, & 20th



Schweinfurt Rodeo grand opening at 1PM 19th
June

Location: Conn, Geldersheim Gate.

Entrance only 10 Euro for Adults / 5 Euro for
kids.

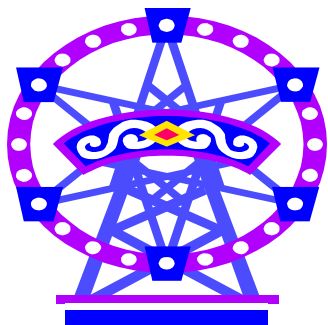
(can pay in dollars as well)

Rodeo show times 2pm and 5pm Sat and Sun

Entertainment in the Fest tent

Friday & Sat 7pm - 11pm and Sun 12 - 8pm

hope to see you there!



Schweinfurter Volksfest

Now going on in the Volksfestplatz next
to Askern

Runs 11 June - 21 June

Other Important Information



Health Clinic

tobacco cessation
1st Wednesday of the
month, 4 sessions, 11:30-1:00, bring
lunch

Contract Position Open at the
Schweinfurt Health Clinic. Position:
TriCare Medical Service Coordinator
Ref No: EAH080545. Persons who are
interested should submit their resume
and cover letter to:

www.tricare-jobs@saic.com

Non-ID card holding family members and
friends visiting from the US must
have health Insurance that covers
them in Europe.

Can't military treatment facilities is not
authorized and medical and hospital
set up quickly.



Services

Social Work

New Programs:

Time management,

stress management,

changing family

roles,

being a temporary single parent, etc.

Kids Coping Skills Group

Ages 8-12 yrs. Every Tuesday, Yellow
Ribbon Room 3-4 pm. For more
about these Programs contact
Susan Freeman 09721-966270



Dental Clinic

Pediatric Dentist

MWR is available: Wed 1pm-close,
Friday afternoons call 354-6211
carry out flags of their own home State,
during the Salute to the State Flag
Ceremony scheduled to take place at
Kessler Field on July 4th 2004 as part of
the Independence Day Celebration.
contact Dave Luellwitz at 354 6715 and
sign up to carry your State Flag

Chaplain Services:



**Parenting with love and logic
classes** every Wed. 6-8 pm, call ACS
for details

Middle School and High School- Get
involved, with CLUB BEYOND!
Contact information: Heather
Megnia 017015733826

Family Life Center Activities: R&R
Seminars, "Hints for having the best
R&R Possible." Free childcare and
snacks provided. Free dinner with
evening seminar. Call 354-6135 for
details and sign up. Dates: 22 June
0930- 1130.

Supporting Injured Soldiers:

Donations Needed for Soldiers
coming into Landstuhl Regional
Medical Center. Clothing toiletries
and monetary donations can be
dropped off at the donation table
outside the PX Thurs afternoons-
sponsored through the Chapel



TRIPS

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June 21: Trip to Tambachsof

Anima Park, 0830am

July 12: Swim at outdoor pool in BK,
0830 (entry fee 4Euro)

July 9 : Frankfurt Zoo, 0830

Aug 5: Nurnburg Zoo

Contact Silvia Joniner at 09721-966270
or DSN 354-6270 for Info. Trips depart
from the volksfestplatz across from
Askern Manor. Seating is limited to 49
so sign up to reserve a seat

Loving A Soldier

Loving a soldier
is a high price to pay,
loving him truly
is hard when he's away.
It's being alone with

hold;
it's being young, but
it's having him whisper

for you;
it's whispering back that

him too.
There comes a kiss and a

for more,
as his plane slowly

soar;
reluctantly,

painfully, letting him go,
while your insides are dying from wanting him

so,
watching him leave with eyes full of tears,
standing alone with your hopes,
dreams and fears.

It's sending a letter
with the stamp upside down,
to a far away love in a far away town.
It's going to church to kneel and pray,
and really meaning the things that you say.
Being in love will foster your dreams,
of that far away soldier
your mind fairly beams.

Days go by, no mail for a spell,
you wait for some word to hear that he's well.
Then a letter arrives, and you've given in,
to open his letter and read it with a grin,
yes, he is well and misses you so,
it's filled with the love you wanted to know.
Weeks are like months,
and months are like years,
you wait for the day
when you'll have no more fears.

Days go by slowly, how many have passed?
Yes, loving a soldier
brings bitterness and fears,
loneliness, sadness and despondent years.
Loving a soldier isn't much fun,
but it's worth the price
when the battle is won;
and remember he is thinking of you everyday,
he's sad and he's lonely
while so far away;

so love him and miss him
and hold your head high,
be strong and have faith,
wipe that tear from your eye,
it's the high price you pay
for loving a soldier...

CHARLIE COMPANY, ADOPT A SINGLE SOLDIER

Show our single soldiers that we care.
Sign up and commit to send periodic
snacks, supplies and misc goodies to a
particular soldier. Contact your POC.

ALSO: BN FRG is collecting supplies to
ship for our BN wide single soldiers. Drop
off at Malia's office.

Free Concert Tickets

The city of Bad Kissingen is offering
FREE concert/theatre tickets for
families of deployed soldiers (40 tickets
per concert/play). Concerts are not
suitable for children under the age of

12. Call Silvia Joiner 09721-
966270/6216

Yellow Ribbon Room (next to CMR)
operating 40 hrs a week, open for public
use of computers and other resources
during the hours listed below.

Hours

Mondays: 8 a.m. - noon & 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays &

Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

Thursdays: 1 p.m.-7 p.m.

VOTE

Register to Vote:

Remember to
register for an
absentee ballot.

See Sgt. Surrency

Walk to Iraq:

It is easier than you
might

think. Talk to Malia
McReynold's

Battalion FRG Leader
about how

to log your miles

354-6300



Summer is
here &

camp adventure Is Back

Hosted by School age services

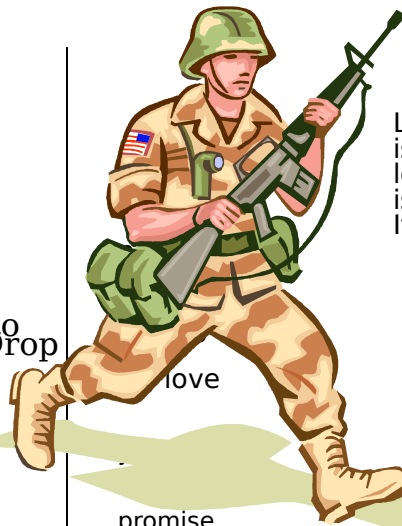
June 14 - June 18 theme: Top Secret Missions and
Expeditions!

June 21 - June 25 theme: Noble Knights and
Crazy Castles

June 28 - July 2 theme: Hip, Hip, and Hooray!

Birthday USA

Call 354-6974 or 09721-966974



From Sabine

Summer Break is around the corner and a lot of you are probably going on vacation or do some traveling. Please let your Point of Contact, myself or SGT Laing know if you will be gone this way we don't panic if we can't get in touch with you. Remember if you go home for the summer to let RearD know and give them a good address where they can reach you. For those that stay around we can discuss what you would like to do as a group. I'll be here this summer, so if you need anything you can call me anytime, even if you just need to talk to someone. I would like to start planning some different events for us, so come let me know, give me ideas. If you can't make it, contact me with your ideas and I make sure that they will be brought up. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. if there's anything you would like to see change at the meetings, or in the Newsletter, please contact me to let me know. I'm always open for suggestions and ideas. Also if there's special things you would like to do for example: daytrip, picnis etc.

Call Sabine Deans to inquire about:

Getting Involved

Childcare Coordinator:

You would arrange for childcare at meetings & other events. Childcare is paid from FRG Funds

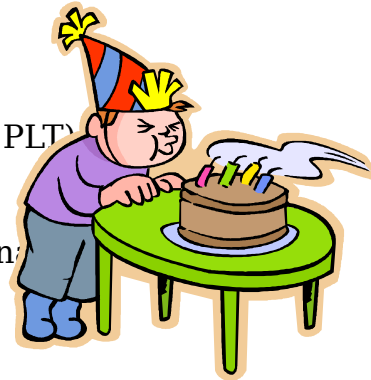
Treasurer: Keep records of FRG account, turn in Financial Report each Quarter to FRG Leader

NEW! Special Event Committee:

Help plan and arrange for special events for example Dinners, BBQ or other events for the spouses to get together.

Happy Birthday

Danyel Wolf
SPC Gerts
PVT Wolf
SGT Warrick
PFC Quinteros (1st PLT)
SGT Rhea
SPC Atkinson
Alexandra Alekseun
SPC Laughlin
SGT Bingerman
SGT Jones
CPL Marmolejo
SFC Cadena



Happy Anniversary

SGT & Mrs.
Henzerling

Thank You

From Sabine...

I would like to thank everyone that participated in at Lady Sapper's Day. You did an awesome job, great teamwork.

Natalie Cadena, Marla Clayton and Simone Rhea thanks for the great T-shirts

Also I would like to thank Christine Titko and Nikki Lents for doing the Newsletter that helps keep everyone informed about different activities.

Commander's Corner

Commander's Letter Number 2 (2JUN04)

Well, another month has flown by and I find it hard to keep up with my sappers and with everything they do. The last month has been a busy one for everyone, but in true sapper form, Charlie Company has been up to the task.

A couple of weeks ago 1SG and I went down to visit 1st platoon with a section of ACEs. We were very busy with them clearing shrubs, trees, rocks, and other assorted wildlife from the median and shoulders of the roads 1-26IN travels on. This made it easier for the soldiers of TF1-26 to see IEDs and greatly increased the safety in the sector. They enjoyed blowing up some trees with C4 and using the ACES to push a broken down semi over an embankment. After that, 1st Platoon was called out to save an oil pipeline project. They flew a SEE onto an island and started to dig out the broken pipes. The Iraqi contractors thought the job was too difficult. Thanks to SFC Cadena's never quit attitude, the Sappers of 1st Platoon dug the pipes out of the ground and enabled the contractors to fix the pipes. Yesterday, 1st Platoon uncovered a large cache of about 2000 155mm artillery shells and destroyed them. Hands down, 1st Platoon is the best platoon in the entire 1-26 Task Force.

After 1SG and I were done visiting 1st Platoon we went down to see the Rogue Sappers. They were enjoying some much needed down time and conducting some training. 2d Platoon has been busy escorting fuelers from FOB Spiker to LSA Anaconda, and patrolling the streets of Balad. SSG Santos set up and ran an excellent range for the Rogue Sappers where he qualified everyone on the MK19 grenade launcher, M2 machine gun, M240 machine gun, and the M249 machine gun. SSG V, SPC Gerts, and PV2 Lents all received their purple hearts this month for wounds they received from the enemy. Finally, SSG V, SSG Andrews, and SGT Warrick all reenlisted. 2d Platoon consistently outperforms the other platoons in TF1-77AR. I could not be prouder of them.

A&O has been very busy. They cut an ACE section to 1st Platoon for a week and did the real work of clearing the roads for TF 1-26. In addition, they have been escorting EOD (explosive ordnance detachment) to IED sites and assisting them in blowing up captured enemy ammunition. A&O also got a new platoon sergeant, SFC Robinson, squad leader, SSG Diaz, and another sapper, SPC Pagan. SFC Robinson and the new soldiers have made an immediate positive impact on the platoon. I can't wait to see what they will do next month! SSG Acevado assumed some daunting duties this month. He took over the job of base camp mayor NCOIC and is responsible for all of the contracting and base ops on FOB Remagen. He is truly up to the task.

Headquarters is doing extremely well. They are currently busy planning future operations for A&O and keeping 1SG and me out of hot water. SGT Hardy has been training A&O on the operation of chemical equipment, and SSG Clayton has been doing a bang up job as the force protection NCOIC the last part of this month.

As always, the FRG is the best part of the company. The boxes and letters you all send us is a lifesaver. Please keep it up! The guys in 1st and 2d still need liquid laundry soap. Everyone needs munchies, chips, ramen noodles, breakfast bars, chocolate, beef jerky, crackers, tuna, canned oysters and fish, batteries, DVDs, and anything else that will fit in a care package. Big congrats on

1ST SGT CORNER

“DAWGS OF WAR”

First of all I would like to thank the families of the soldiers that we have here in Iraq. They are putting their lives on the line each and every day to protect our way of life. I am very proud to be serving with each and every one of them, as I am sure you are just as proud!

1st PLT has been busy for the past few weeks trying to make MSR Tampa a safer place to drive. I was fortunate to get to help them for a week. Some of you may have heard I played a little too hard and rolled an ACE over on its side! I am sure SSG Deans has sent the pictures by now. I would like to say congrats to SGT Sanchez, SGT Lewis for their recent reenlistment in the Army. They are Great Americans and proudly making this place safer ever day. Extra money did help I am sure!

2nd PLT has slowed down a little and has been running around escorting the resupply vehicles throughout the 2 BCT area of operations. We will be sending some of A&O vehicles down in the next few weeks to help with route clearance in their sector. I always like going to 2nd to get my life back into some type of order with SPC Cook telling me stories or trying to out shoot the CMDR at the range. SSG Santos ran an outstanding range last week and the Rouge Sappers brushed up on their marksmanship skills. SSG Andrews, SGT Warrick, and SSG V all reenlisted for the “Money”, and are setting the standard for the rest of their soldiers to follow.

A&O PLT is still showing the FOB here how to pull Force Protection and keeping me on my toes as well. The CMDR and I did show a few of them how to play Spades though! We have a new PSG here in A&O. SFC Robinson is going to be a great addition to the Terminators and I am looking forward to working with him. They are also looking forward to getting off the FOB to have fun in the local ASP's.

HQ's is just spending their time watching the new TV in Operations and trying to get SGT Hernandez to get them some new socks! 1LT Dunker has been tasking me and the CMDR to the max so he can pretend to be a Company CMDR!

You should all be proud of them and Pray for them every day. I am very proud to be their 1SG and looking forward to the upcoming months here in Iraq!

DAWG 7

Terminator Roll-UP

A&O Corner

This month seems to have gone by fairly quickly. A&O platoon kept pretty busy - not unlike any other month - but for a few different reasons it seemed to slip by a little quicker. Activities included force protection, EOD escort, route clearance/sanitation, and the integration of a new soldier, squad leader and platoon sergeant as well as the farewell to our old platoon sergeant.

Staff Sergeant Acevedo officially left A&O this month. He relinquished his duties to Sergeant First Class Robinson, and was promptly picked up by Battalion to solve a unique problem.

The majority of Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in our sector divide their logistic problems into two areas - tactical and support. This is similar to what is done while we are in Schweinfurt. In Germany, each unit is responsible for the supply needs of its unit; however the day-to-day business of the kasserne is run by a separate unit (the Base Support Battalion - BSB). The BSB's responsibilities include kasserne security, facility serviceability and improvement, and any other issues that involve the base or the support of the units on the base.

Here in Iraq, 9th Engineers has been trying to do both roles using the team that normally oversees just unit supply issues, and has been struggling to keep up. Their solution? Make SSG Ace the FOB mayor. Mayor Acevedo. SSG Acevedo is in charge of running the FOB, which includes the day to day business, upgrades and improvements, and any issues that arise dealing with base support or units support on the base.

SSG Acevedo realizes his job will keep him busy for quite a while, but he is looking forward to the challenge, and has already made an impact on the unit in his new role.

A&O welcomed PFC Pagan, SSG Diaz, and SFC Robinson to the team. Pagan was born in the Bronx but calls Boston home. He is now a member of 1st squad. SSG Diaz was born in Puerto Rico and is coming off a tour as a recruiter. He will be the 4th squad leader*. SFC Robinson was born in California and is coming off "the trail." He spent four years at Fort Leonard Wood as a senior drill sergeant and senior drill sergeant leader and brings a welcome energy and perspective to the platoon

SPC Smith was able to go on R&R this month, and SPC Moore, SPC Rodriguez, SPC Price, PFC McClain, and PFC McManemy got the chance to go on a four day pass (coined FMPP - fighter management pass program). The locations for FMPP can vary, but both offer the opportunity to get away from the daily grind, unwind, and just relax.

The Ace section, led by Sergeant Aleksieunas (SGT Flexxx), went down to FOB Brassfield-Mora for two weeks (just west of Samara) and spent their time clearing/ destroying natural roadside obstacles, creating a safer avenue of movement for military and civilian traffic.

The rest of the platoon focused on supporting EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) in destroying UXO (unexploded ordnance) in and around our sector. Our missions brought us in contact with different types of artillery shells and mortars and allowed the crew to get a little creative at doing their trash demolition. We

Mad Dawgs Corner

It's hard to believe that May is over, it seemed like a blur. May was the busiest month yet for the Mad Dawgs. We have done so many different missions this month, some of which we never thought we'd be doing in a million years.

The month started off with our platoon practicing our tightrope walking skills as we placed over 2km of wire along the top of our FOB's perimeter wall. The wall is no more than 10 inches wide in some places and shakes whenever the wind blows. But the fearless Mad Dawgs walked along the top of the wall and tied down wire around the entire FOB. The wire added to the force protection measures here, keeping us all safer while we're still on the FOB.

The next mission we had was critical due to the high number of IED's in our Task Force's sector. With some help from A&O platoon, the Mad Dawgs cleared the shoulders and medians of Highway 1 and the Highway 1 Bypass. Over four days our platoon flattened over 30 kilometers of highway. We cleared away everything from rose bushes to broken down fuel trucks in order to make it harder for the enemy to emplace IEDs. We saw our work pay off as one of the most dangerous stretches of HWY 1 had no IED incidents for over two weeks straight this month. We were also able to witness an old pro drive an ACE with us, 1SG Morgan came along one day. Unfortunately he must have been a little rusty as we saw him roll his ACE off the side of a road into a culvert, fortunately no one was hurt but we all got a huge laugh out of it. I don't think 1SG Morgan will ever live it down.

The next mission we received was one we never thought we would have to do as a heavy mechanized engineer platoon. We were tasked with sling loading a SEE truck from our FOB to an island in the Tigris river with the help of a Chinook helicopter. Thankfully we had SFC Cadena and SGT Dillinger in the platoon with Air Assault experience. They figured out how to sling load the SEE, and other equipment needed in order to repair an oil pipeline on the island. Some of us were able to ride in the Chinook, which was a fun first time experience for most of us. Once the equipment was delivered, our platoon was tasked with going out to the island to help fix the pipeline. The Iraqis were so happy when we helped them finish their project the manager kept telling us "American Soldiers can do anything!!!"

The Mad Dawgs also had a key find for our Task Force this month. On May 28 due to SGT Hensley's sharp eyes we were able to find and recover an enemy cache of 23 152mm artillery shells. We brought them back to the FOB and destroyed them keeping them out of the hands of the enemy and saving countless American lives. Several days after that we were able to assist EOD in the destruction of multiple IEDs including a Vehicle Borne IED, a car jam packed with explosives. Fortunately it was spotted before it detonated and the Mad Dawgs ensured that it was destroyed before it had the chance to harm any Americans or innocent Iraqis.

Rogue Sappers Corner

Hello family and friends of the Rogue Sappers

I'm sure that many of you are wondering what it is that we have been up to since our deployment since we left Schweinfurt in February.

The Rogue Sappers, 2ND Platoon, C Company, 9th Engineer Battalion were tasked out to Task Force 1-77 Armor upon arrival at Camp New York in Kuwait in early February 2004. We were assigned specifically to Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 1-77AR. We were told to prepare for working with the Task Force Scout platoon in ensuring the safety of the area around LSA Anaconda upon arrival in Iraq. While at Camp New York, we conducted multiple train-up tasks to include Close Quarters Marksmanship qualification, Convoy Live Fire exercises, Urban Combat training, and our expertise, demolitions. The Rogues also trained the entire Task Force in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) awareness and avoidance, as well as battle drills for coming into contact with such devices. This training was headed up by SSG Moore, SSG Santos, SSG Andrews, and SGT Van Order. The Rogue Sappers also emplaced a practical exercise lane, throughout which we buried and created multiple IEDs. 1st and 2nd squad took the lead for this. While conducting this training, we had many people from outside the Task Force sneak in to obtain the excellent training that the platoon was providing! We also trained the entire Task Force on the use of the new D-1 Mine Detector - this training was conducted by SPC Walker and SPC Gerts. The time was spent preparing and training for our mission in Iraq, but the time still passed slowly for us. Finally the day came when we were to load up and move North in the great convoy. The Rogue Sappers had their initial entry into Iraq changed; we were tasked at the last minute to escort 25 civilian trucks and trailers from Kuwait to LSA Anaconda. We were given approximately 4 hours to prepare for the mission and then we executed. All 25 trucks made it to LSA Anaconda intact.

Once we arrived at LSA Anaconda, we conducted a relief in place with the units currently there and began our operations. For our first two weeks we executed 24 hour a day reconnaissance patrols in sector along with the Task Force scout platoon. Just as we had moved from our original tent in the middle of nowhere, with no electricity, to our new connex trailers with electricity and air conditioning, we were tasked out to B Company, 1-77AR "Regulators". The company consists of a Tank headquarters element, an Infantry platoon from C Company, 1-18IN and an infantry platoon from Delta Company, 2-108IN, a National Guard unit from New York, and upon our arrival, a highly trained and motivated platoon of Sappers. We were redesignated as the company's 1st platoon, "Red", and took our share of the burden in being responsible for the city of Balad, Iraq.

We immediately began patrolling, conducting raids, reconnaissance missions, traffic control operations, and escort missions, to name a few of the tasks we do everyday. The month of March flew by, and we were approaching our pre-designated time of transition to Task Force Engineers to begin with FOB improvements and conducting mobility, counter-mobility and survivability tasks. Then the insurgents opened up and the world changed.

The first two weeks of April were tough, the toughest ground fighting since the initial entry into Iraq took place and the Rogue Sappers were right in the middle of it here on FOB Paliwoda in Balad. During this time, one of the Rogues paid the ultimate price. SPC Richard Kennedy "Tick" Trevithick died 14 April 2004 when an Improvised Explosive Device detonated next to the HMMWV he was driving while returning from a detainee escort mission up north to Tikrit. SPC Trevithick, despite massive damage received to his chest and torso, drove through the blast and then shut his vehicle down in order to save his fellow passengers, PV2 Lents and SSG Villanueva, whom were both wounded in the blast. SPC Trevithick died at the site. For his actions that day, he has been recommended for the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor.

The Rogue Sappers gathered and made the journey back to LSA Anaconda in order to see SPC Trevithick off and on his way back home. We then had the privilege of honoring him in his memorial service the next day. Tick, we miss you brother!

We then went back into patrolling and our other multitude of tasks as quickly as possible to take our mind off of the pain. This was good for B Co, as we are continually an integral and often main piece in many more company level and Task Force level missions and raids since our arrival. The Rogue Sappers are often tasked independently within the company and given our own objectives to obtain secure and clear. What would the world do without Sappers??

2nd platoon cont....

Since deployment, we have had many

February 28 - PV2 Greenspon's wife
Jamyette celebrated her birthday

February 29 - SGT Rainbolt's little girl
Aindrea celebrated her birthday

March 25 - SPC Hess celebrated his 21st
birthday - in Camp New York Kuwait

March 30 - SPC Trevithick's wife Kristin
celebrated her birthday

April 14 - SGT Van Order's little girl Alissa
celebrated her birthday

May 6 - This was SGT Rainbolt and his
wife Christina had their anniversary

May 12 - CPL Miramontes celebrated his
birthday

We're all working hard together, and fighting like hell to make sure
that we finish our deployment safely.

Congratulations to the Lady Sappers of C Co for taking second in the first ever
Lady Sapper Stakes competition!

All our best -

Rogue 6

May 17 - PV2 Greenspon celebrated
his birthday here in lovely Balad,
Iraq.

May 29 - We awarded SSG
Villanueva, SPC Gerts, and PV2 Lents
their Purple Hearts

May 31 - Memorial Day
Upcoming events

June 2 - SPC Gerts celebrates his
100th birthday!

June 6 - SGT Warrick celebrates his
birthday

June 22 - The Warrick family is
expecting their first, a little girl!

June 27 - SGT Marmalejo celebrates
his birthday

Mail

Correct Addresses
For
FOB's

Mail

A&O and HHC:

Name

C/9th EN BN (FWD)

FOB Remagen

Operation Iraqi Freedom

APO, AE 09392

1st Platoon (1/26) :

Name

TF 1-26 (FWD)

Attn: C/9E Engr PLT

FOB Brassfield-Mora

Operation Iraqi
Freedom

APO, AE 09392

2nd Platoon(1/77):

Name

B CO, TF 1-77 AR

(FWD)

ATTN: 2/C/9E ENGR.

PLT

FOB PALIWODA

Operation Iraqi

Freedom

APO AE 09392

**Packages to Iraq need to go to
the Post Office for customs**

check!

DPW: Leaving for more than three
weeks? Fill out housing form at
Battalion.

Bulk Trash pick up: 29 June, give or take
a few days

Commissary - Scholarship update

Fifty-two lucky students in Europe
have won \$ 1,500 scholarships
from the DeCA/Fisher House
Scholarships for Military Children